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Martial law has been declared at Madrid and there is much rioting.

Dr. David W. Vandell, the most eminent of Kentucky surgeons, died at Louisville Monday, at a ripe old age.

France has sent some warships to Havana to take care of French subjects when the bombardment is begun.

Of the 200,000 soldiers who have been sent to Cuba by Spain, the latest report is that only 60,000 are fit for duty.

Lieut. R. C. Hill, of the 20th infantry, suicided at Mobile a day or two ago because his company was not sent to Cuba.

Admiral Dewey, it is said, entered Manila harbor under cover of the darkness. In other words, he had "Ships That Pass In The Night."

Gen. Blanco went through the form of inducting into office the Cuban Autonomist Cabinet Tuesday. Is it possible that Blanco has not heard from Manila?

Chickens are said to be \$2.50 a piece in Cuba and scarce at any price. This has caused a gloom to fall upon the 25th regiment, soon to invade the island.

Gen. Blanco says only one mule was killed by the shelling of Matanzas last week, but the public has long since learned not to swear by Spanish statements.

THE DAILY KENTUCKIAN of yesterday left but little real news for the big dailies to tell. It covered the news to 1 a. m. receiving the latest developments at New York and Washington, up to that hour.

The cruisers Marblehead and Nashville and the yacht Eagle, blockading the southern Cuban port of Cienfuegos, captured the Spanish mail steamer Argonauta Monday.

The total expenditures of the war, it is estimated, will soon amount to \$100,000,000, and the war is less than two weeks old. What will it be after the generals are all appointed?

Ten Spanish officers and ten soldiers, the first prisoners of war, were captured on the Argonauta Monday. Their arms were seized, together with 4500 rounds of ammunition.

There is more talk of delaying the invasion of Cuba until the Cape Verde fleet, supposed to be approaching Porto Rico, is located. The only vigor so far shown in prosecuting the war, has been shown by the Asiatic Squadron.

Admiral Dewey gave Capt. Gen. Augusti twenty-four hours to comply with his ultimatum before bombarding the fortifications. It is not yet clear that the city of Manila itself was bombarded at all.

Out of the 800 Indiana State troops mobilized at Indianapolis, 500 have returned to their homes and will refuse to volunteer, except to serve under their own officers. There is liable to be trouble along this line in all of the States.

Germany will send warships to Manila to watch the Kaiser's interests, but it is not likely that William will mix up in a scrap that might embarrass him in both hemispheres. Whatever comes up, England and Japan may be counted upon to be on the side of Uncle Sam.

All estimates of the loss of life are pure guess work, as no cable connection has been had with Manila since the fight. Admiral Dewey will probably dispatch a ship to Hong Kong, 648 miles distant, to cable the official report.

Capt. Green Ballance, of the United States army, has been detailed to organize the Kentucky troops at Lexington. As the question of accounts is to be a serious one, with no money in sight, Capt. Ballance appears to be the right man to deal with receipts and expenditures.

Dewey is liable to be the most conspicuous hero of the war. His victory was a brilliant one and the dashing way in which it was won, the nerve displayed in the attack and the bulldog tenacity with which he hung on until victory was won, all show that no mistake was made in sending him to Manila. It must be remembered in giving him full credit, that he was 10,000 miles from home, without a battleship of the first-class and that his attack was against a strongly fortified harbor, protected by mines and declared by the Madrid authorities to be impregnable. In the face of all these obstacles, the intrepid Vermont staked the chance of success upon the valor of his men, knowing that defeat meant annihilation. It turns out that he knew what he was doing. Dewey will do.

Lieut. W. H. H. Southerland, the gallant commander of the Eagle, is a Hopkinsville man, or rather he married here and has spent much of his time here when not on duty. He is one of the most capable and accomplished men in the navy and as brave as a lion. He had been for several years stationed in the naval department at Washington, but was one of the first officers to ask for active work at the front when the war came on. He was given the command of a converted cruiser and it seems as though he has been given an opportunity to fight at an early stage in the hostilities, much to his delight. The Dons will find in him a dangerous adversary and an intrepid defender of the stars and stripes.

The United States has made no promises about the annexation of the Philippine Islands and Uncle Sam can, if he chooses to do so, hold on to the island by right of conquest. A Berlin dispatch says it is believed in Germany that this is what we really had in view.

The Spanish cabinet has met and decided to continue war to the bitter end. Perhaps after she has lost Cuba, Porto Rico and the Canaries, in addition to her Asiatic possessions, Spain may conclude that she has had enough.

Gen. Chas. C. Walcutt, of Columbus, O., died this week. He was the youngest of the major generals of the volunteer army in 1861.

Commodore Dewey is not yet an Admiral, but he ought to be and doubtless soon will be.

LEXINGTON BOY AT MANILA.

Lieut. John Gibson Navigator of the Boston of Dewey's Fleet.

Lexington, Ky., May 3.—In the great naval victory scored by Admiral Dewey's fleet off Manila Sunday a Lexington boy was in the thickest of the fray. Lieut. John Gibson is the Lexingtonian. He was the navigator of the Boston.

Lieut. Gibson is now 42 years old. He left Lexington to attend Annapolis 24 years ago. Later he went in to the service of the navy and succeeded Lieut. Lucien Young upon the Boston.

His father had a letter from him a short while ago, while the fleet of which his ship forms a part was cruising in Asiatic waters. There was no war then, but it was expected, and Lieut. Gibson expressed anxiety to get at the Spaniards on sea. He predicted that if the fleet under Commodore Dewey ever attacked the Manila fleet the Spanish would suffer utter defeat.

Pope Prostrated By the News.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Rome says that the Pope learned of the disaster to the Spaniards at Manila just after he had finished celebrating mass Tuesday morning. He was quite prostrated, more because of the loss of life than by the defeat of Spain. He repeated his horror that such an evil as this war should blot the nineteenth century, and said he wished that we had died before he had proved powerless to avert the shame and the retrogression in the advancing sentiment of Christian brotherhood.

THE STRAWBERRY PROSPECT.

As Seen By a Prominent Nurseryman of Warren County.

ED. KENTUCKIAN: If it will be of any value to any of your readers to know something of the small fruit prospect in this locality, I will be delighted to talk to you a while of a stroll through our berry patch of several acres which I take every day, except Sunday, and when I feel the invigorating inspiration which the walk affords I do not think it would be amiss to go the rounds that day too. We might know a little less about the S. S. lesson if we went before this hour, but if a man cannot feel a new purpose to live a more useful life, after seeing the fresh green plants full of blossom buds and in full bloom that fairly seem to smile at him as he meets them on his rounds, I question if anything else will inspire him. But enough of prefatory remarks, and will say that the prospect for strawberries has increased at least fifty per cent within the last month.

We will have a fair crop from the earliest Michel's, Crystal City, Chas. Downing, Lady Thompson and Murray's Extra to the latest Aroma and Gandy. Of course there will be a heavier yield, of the mid-season varieties, such as Bubach, Haverland, Greenville, Jessie and Cumberland than either of the others referred to, there always is, but unless we have a drouth or some other unlooked for hindrance we will have a fair crop all the way through the season. I tried a mulch of tobacco stems on a part of our patch, and the effect is very marked even now and I think will add very much to the yield. Early Harvest Blackberries, and Lucretia Dewberries are loaded with blossom buds and promise a full crop. There will also be a good crop of both Red and Black cap raspberries I think.

F. N. DOWNER.

DR. VANDELL DEAD.

Noted Louisville Physician Died Monday Night at 10 O'clock.

Dr. David Wendell Vandell, who was one of the most prominent surgeons and physicians in the south, died Monday night at his home on West Chestnut street, in Louisville. Mrs. Vandell and their children, Mrs. W. O. Roberts and Mrs. James F. Buckner and Dr. Roberts, Mr. Buckner and other relatives were at his bedside when the spark of life went out. Dr. Vandell had been in declining health since October, 1894. He was stricken with brain trouble and his physicians announced that while he might live several years he would never be well enough again to practice his profession. His condition became critical Sunday and it was evident that he could not survive long.

Eagle's Gallant Conduct.

Key West, May 3.—The auxiliary cruiser Eagle, a transformed yacht, was scouring along the southern coast of Cuba near Cienfuegos when she sighted the Argonauta and started in pursuit. She was fired upon from the shore, but continued the chase and drove the big steamer along the coast toward the Marblehead and the Nashville, into which the Spaniard almost ran. They put a couple of shots across her bows and she quickly hove to and surrendered. The Nashville took the Spanish officers on board as prisoners of war and brought them into Key West. She lies out in the stream and no further particulars of the capture can be learned from her. The Eagle is commanded by Lieut. W. H. H. Southerland, of Hopkinsville, Ky., a son-in-law of Dr. Jas. Rodman.

Good Men and Good Ships.

That "good men with poor ships are better than poor men with good ships," has ever been a navy motto. Fortunately for the United States, foreign experts all declare she has good men with good ships. And it is this that gives reason for the confidence the nation displays in its defenders. Men like Sampson, Schley and Sigbee would do wonders with a tugboat.

Fatal Affray at Madisonville.

Madisonville, Ky., May 3.—Ed Ezzel is charged with cutting like Williams' throat, also his head three times; the main artery of the neck severed. Williams will die. Jealousy is said to have been the cause.

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